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KU KLUX KLAN MOTORCYCLE CLUB METHAMPHETAMINE RING

**NEW ENGLAND ORGANIZED CRIME
DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE (OCDEF)**

**ARIZONA-BASED SUPPLIER TO KKK MOTORCYCLE CLUB SENTENCED
TO 19½ YEARS ON METHAMPHETAMINE DISTRIBUTION CONSPIRACY
CHARGES**

Re: United States v. Todd Maggard

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent in Charge Mark R. Trouville, New Hampshire Attorney General Peter Heed, New Hampshire Drug Task Force Commander James Norris and Chairman William Fenniman, and New Hampshire State Police Colonel Gary Sloper, announced that **Todd MAGGARD**, the Arizona-based methamphetamine supplier for the Northern New England based Ku Klux Klan Motorcycle Club in 2001 and 2002, was sentenced on October 2, 2003, on federal narcotics conspiracy charges.

U.S. District Judge Steven J. McAuliffe sentenced MAGGARD to 235 months (19 ½ years) imprisonment, followed by a three year period of supervised release, during which his behavior will be monitored by the U.S. Department of Probation.

On July 1, 2003, MAGGARD entered a guilty plea before Judge McAuliffe to an Information charging him with conspiring with Ku Klux Motorcycle Club members Carroll Lane LANE and James Michael COYNE to distribute crystal methamphetamine between January, 2001 and September, 2002. Maggard supplied Carroll Lane with 5 pounds of crystal methamphetamine seized from LANE's vehicle at the time of his June, 2002 arrest near Flagstaff, Arizona. In entering his plea, he admitted to supplying LANE and COYNE with methamphetamine for distribution in northern New England over the course of the conspiracy.

“The sentencing of Todd MAGGARD to 19 ½ years for trafficking in crystal methamphetamine sends the message, if you traffic this poison in New Hampshire you will pay the price. This trafficking organization conspired to bring pounds of crystal methamphetamine into our communities and into the lives of our fellow citizens,” said DEA Special Agent in Charge Trouville. “Because of the hard work of our Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF), DEA and our law enforcement partners were able to fully investigate this case from Arizona to New Hampshire and stop this criminal organization.”

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated: “Methamphetamine trafficking – especially schemes that involve the importation of methamphetamine into New Hampshire from the Southwestern United States – continues to be a priority of my office in the area of drug enforcement. The OCDETF program is one of many weapons in the federal government’s arsenal to effectively combat these wide ranging schemes.”

The convictions of MAGGARD, COYNE and LANE were the result of a year-long investigation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the New Hampshire Attorney General’s Drug Task Force, and the Special Investigations Unit of the New Hampshire State Police, which focuses in part on the activities of outlaw motorcycle gangs in the State of New Hampshire. During the investigation, DEA agents seized over seven pounds of 80% pure crystal methamphetamine, also known as “crystal meth,” “glass,” and “ice,” over 25 firearms including handguns, assault and conventional rifles, and shotguns, approximately \$40,000 in cash, a 2002 custom-built motorcycle, Ku Klux Klan Motorcycle Club “colors” (gang insignia) and assorted “pro-white” and other Ku Klux Klan propaganda. Also assisting in the investigation were the DEA’s Portland, Maine and Phoenix, Arizona offices, the Maine (State) Drug Enforcement Agency, the Arizona Department of Public Safety, and the United States Attorney’s Offices in the Districts of Phoenix, AZ and Portland, ME and the police departments of Laconia, NH and Wells, ME.

The prosecution was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante, the Lead Attorney for the District of New Hampshire in the New England Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (“New England OCDETF”), which coordinated and funded the investigation.